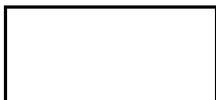


DIARY NOTES

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25 February 1960

1. Pat Cushing, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Medical Affairs, was over to see me about the possibility of updating the Defense paper dated 24 July 1952, subject: "Medical Support Rendered CIA." I have asked [redacted] to investigate this with Colonel Alderson, Pat's designee.

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2. [redacted] called my attention to a cable [redacted] stating that the Financial Property Accountability System would be installed effective 1 March 1960.

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3. [redacted] was in to give me a brief report on his trip to the Far East, the significant points of which were as follows:

a. Everyone is interested in promotion and early retirement problems, etc. He thinks that it would be a well worthwhile trip if Gordon Stewart or someone like Gordon made a field trip to discuss these matters at all field stations.

b. They appear to be under great pressure to cut down on personnel and Gene feels that there is a tendency to cut Support slots too thin in order to accomplish the necessary net, but he does not believe that there has been any serious adverse effect on morale. However, this is due primarily to the fact that the people involved definitely feel that they have a job to come home to somewhere. He does not believe that the operational people, however, share this feeling of security and, in fact, said that there are many complaints that they leave their stations without having any idea where they are going next.

c. I was surprised to learn that in the eyes of the people [redacted] the Deputy Director (Support) was given credit for putting on the pressure to close the place down. Apparently, their view is that DD/S is interested primarily in the Budget and perhaps does not feel that the place is being fully utilized and, therefore, wants to cut it down. No one else seems to get any credit for this action and [redacted] and his Staff strongly urged that I come out to [redacted] and spend a week or ten days. (Frankly, I don't see what good this would do since it is DD/P and not DD/S that is so determined to close the Station.)

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d. He reported that there was a substantial amount of confusion everywhere with regard to the coordination of air operations. He felt that eventually the present situation had all the potential for a good-sized flap.

e. He pointed out that at some stations the Chief of Support acts as the Security Officer and he would like to recommend that prior to departing for

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their stations such Chiefs of ^{Support} Station have some training in Security. This I endorsed and will ask the Administration Career Board to see that this is done.

f. He emphasized that people are eager to receive news from home almost as soon as they leave. He felt that the Support Bulletin served a very useful purpose in this regard but thought that something more personalized was still needed.

g. I was rather surprised and pleased to learn that Gene felt that it was not always in the best interest of Security to have his man report directly to the Chief of Station. He felt that, in many instances, he was better off to report to the Chief of Support since, when he does report on paper to the Chief of Station, he, in fact, doesn't really see him too much.

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4. I spent a lot of time discussing with Mr. Dulles, [redacted]

[redacted] and Larry Houston the Travel Order for [redacted] The Director promised Bob that he could take his wife and five children over for the summer and that we would pay the cost of travel. He wanted to pay for this out of vouchered funds; however, I have concluded that there is no way that we could safely do it out of vouchered funds and recommended that if, in fact, he wanted to do this he should do it from unvouchered funds.

5. I talked with [redacted] about his career and he has decided to make it with CIA and is ready to accept whatever assignments we have in mind for him.

6. I had a lengthy session with [redacted] and the DD/I Feasibility Team. They felt that the Agency could not afford the luxury of having Joe work as a Special Assistant to the DD/S and that he would not, in fact, accomplish very much with regard to the Feasibility Team. We finally concluded that we should offer Al [redacted] as Chairman of this Team and I agreed to talk to Bob Amory about it.

7. John Tietjen talked to me about [redacted] who is on contract. He proposes not to renew [redacted] contract, whereas [redacted] either wants it to be renewed or to have staff employment. The Chief of Station has endorsed this strongly. John said that he was all right but that he could do much better for the long haul. I told him that I would have to accept his judgment on this and authorized him to send a cable to the field along these lines.

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